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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF STATE  
THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY  
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THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR  
THE SECRETARY OF COMMERCE  
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AGENCY  
DIRECTOR, NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

SUBJECT: Negotiations on Antarctic Mineral Resources  
Regime

The Antarctic Policy Group's report and proposed approach for the subject negotiations, as forwarded by the Department of State's memorandum of June 4, 1982, has been reviewed. The report's objectives for an Antarctic mineral resources regime have been noted.

Recognizing that development of an acceptable regime for mineral resources will serve United States political, security, economic, environmental and scientific interests in Antarctica, the United States should work for a regime that would:

- o Cover mineral resource prospecting, exploration and development on the Antarctic continent and its adjacent offshore areas;
- o Assure non-discriminatory access for the United States to all permitted mineral resource activities in Antarctica;
- o Create the legal, financial and operational conditions necessary for mineral resource activities to take place on a sound and economic basis;

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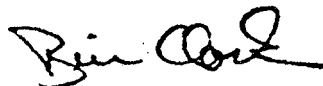
- o Ensure that mineral resource activities take place in accordance with effective standards providing for operational safety and necessary levels of environmental protection;
- o Create a system for making decisions about possible mineral resource activities in Antarctica which will permit the United States to achieve its Antarctic mineral resource objectives; and
- o Provide for an effective resource management system.

In seeking these objectives, U.S. representatives in the negotiations will seek to ensure that provisions of an Antarctic mineral resources regime are consistent with the United States position of neither asserting nor recognizing claims to territorial sovereignty in Antarctica and with the principles and purposes of the Antarctic Treaty generally.

The U.S. delegation to the first round of negotiations in Wellington, beginning on June 14, is authorized to explore the approach to an Antarctic mineral resources regime as recommended by the Antarctic Policy Group. The delegation should pursue this approach on an ad referendum basis with the objective of determining its viability and without excluding alternative approaches in subsequent negotiations.

Following this round of negotiations, the Antarctic Policy Group should prepare proposed instructions and a strategy for follow-on negotiations. These should be reviewed at the Senior Interagency Group level and include representatives of all interested agencies and the OMB, OPD, OSTP and NSC staffs. Any differences should be forwarded for the President's consideration at least one month before follow-on negotiations take place.

FOR THE PRESIDENT:



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